

Coding and technological skills will only become more important in the economy of the future. These students blew us away by creating apps that would make a difference, tackling real-world challenges and reflecting their commitment to making our world a better place.

I thank and offer my congratulations to all the students that participated this year, and I wish every single one of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

#### QUESTIONING REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, under the American Rescue Plan passed by Democrats and signed by President Biden, more than 7.4 million jobs were created in the first 14 months of the Biden administration, the most in U.S. history.

During that time, unemployment dropped to its lowest in over 50 years. Democrats are building a better America for the people.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know. But I do know that Republican Congresswoman MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE recently stated that the Catholic Church is controlled by Satan. She has not yet apologized for her bigoted remark.

Republican Congressman MADISON CAWTHORN tried to board a plane with a gun for a second time. What has Republican leadership done? Nothing.

#### DANGEROUS OPEN BORDER POLICIES

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the utter failure of President Biden's dangerous open border policies.

In March, there were over 221,000 illegal encounters at our southern border, a 542 percent increase, bringing the total under Biden's watch to more than 2.4 million. Forty-two of those apprehended were on the terrorist watch list. This can't happen.

Illegal migrants are being dispersed into communities throughout country, making every State a border State, Mr. Speaker.

Meanwhile, my constituent, an American citizen, has been told his wife and daughter, who have fled war-torn Ukraine, must wait up to 2 years outside the United States for a visa interview.

This is wrong. These policies reward those who violate our laws and punish those trying to do the right thing.

They also put law enforcement officers in serious peril, as evidenced by the death of Texas National Guardsman Bishop Evans. May his memory be

eternal. He tragically drowned last week while courageously working to save individuals trying to cross the Rio Grande River illegally.

This insanity has to stop.

#### JUSTICE FOR THOMAS RAYNARD JAMES

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the recent freedom of Thomas Raynard James and the crucial work of his attorney, Natalie Figgers.

One of the most paramount pillars of our legal system is the concept that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. But how does the system react when even those who are innocent are deemed guilty? This Wednesday, the Nation was able to witness the legal system right one of these wrongs.

Thomas Raynard James was wrongfully convicted of murder and sentenced to life due to a case of mistaken identity in 1991. His preliminary conviction was based on an eyewitness account.

Three decades later, this wrongful conviction has been overturned based on revised testimony, new evidence, and lack of physical evidence. Due to persistence and faith in the legal system, Ms. Figgers succeeded in freeing Mr. James, who was an innocent man.

We applaud the work of his attorneys and all the leaders who continuously fight the good fight for justice to make sure that everyone has a chance at justice.

#### RECOGNIZING DENNIS JONES UPON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. MANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Kansan, Dennis Jones, on the occasion of his retirement.

In 1982, Dennis moved from Colorado to Kansas to begin working at the Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Holcomb. He started out as an hourly employee on the harvest floor and worked his way up. Soon after proving himself to be knowledgeable and committed to his job, he moved up to the role of department head.

Dennis spent time at the Amarillo plant, learning about different departments and operations within the business, after which he came back to Holcomb in 2006. He quickly became the new operations manager and then moved up again to his current role as complex plant manager.

I love Dennis' story because it exemplifies hard work, tenacity, looking for open doors, and staying committed to a calling that requires skill, intuition, attention to detail, and relationship-building.

Dennis is the type of guy that embodies grit, agriculture, and conservative Kansas values.

On his last day at Tyson, Dennis plans to return his computer in the morning and then spend the rest of the day with the hourly employees on the harvest floor.

This is a great man whose career and legacy I am proud to honor here today. Congratulations on your retirement, Dennis.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those who participated in the National Day of Silence.

This day allows students and allies to take a vow of silence as a way to speak out against any harassment and discrimination experienced by LGBTQ people in our schools.

In my district on the Central Coast of California, Luka Chavez, who attends Watsonville School of Arts, took his vow last week. Luka told me that he wanted to take the vow so that he can make all the difference for all of those who don't have a voice in our own community.

Luka felt that his silence for 1 day was the least that he could do to speak up for those who feel isolated and excluded every day.

Luka, you may have taken your vow last week, but this week, on this day, on this floor, your voice is not only heard but, more importantly, your message is received by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents, and all who support you but also, most importantly, those who don't.

Luka, your vow of silence allows me to speak for you and inspires Congress to continue its fight for LGBTQ students in our community and equal rights for our democracy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YARMUTH). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. LOUDERMILK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Weather Channel for 40 years of exceptional weather journalism, public service, and high-quality educational content.

Since 1982, The Weather Channel has provided accurate, by-the-minute live coverage of weather events, ranging from the mundane daily rain shower to catastrophic hurricanes and tornadoes.

Today, The Weather Channel reaches more than 80 million households across the United States. It has consistently been ranked the most trustworthy cable news network in the country and has received nationwide acclaim for its high-quality reporting and programming.

The Weather Channel has been instrumental in providing critical information to the public during natural disasters and severe weather events such as Hurricane Katrina, the 2011 tornado super outbreaks, and the January 2014 snowpocalypse that shut down much of north Georgia.

During these events, The Weather Channel's information was instrumental to the people in affected areas, giving them guidance on when to seek shelter and what weather developments to expect.

Today, I am proud to co-lead, with Representative MCBATH, a newly introduced resolution recognizing The Weather Channel on its 40th anniversary for its outstanding contributions to broadcast news and meteorology and for its role as a longstanding American institution.

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#### RECOGNIZING SETH PARISH ON TAKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO WORK DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today is Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day. While my three sons are grown, I have the privilege of having a friend of mine, Seth Parish, with me today.

Seth is 12 years old and hails from Maryland. He is actively involved in baseball, playing center outfield, ice hockey, and has recently joined the Civil Air Patrol where he learns about aerospace and survival skills.

Our schedule is busy today as the House Agriculture Committee held a 2022 farm bill review hearing. Seth joined me for that, and he is also joining me for this speech today.

In 2009, Seth's dad was serving in the Army and lost his life a month before Seth was born. This is the fourth year Seth has joined me through a program called Tuesday's Children. Tuesday's Children uses its experience and expertise to help our military families work through their own losses.

Mr. Speaker, I hope Seth is enjoying being my shadow again this year, and I can't wait to see all that he can accomplish.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NICHOLAS TROIANIELLO

(Ms. MALLIOTAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Nicholas Troianiello, a true American hero from Staten Island, New York.

After graduating Port Richmond High School in 1944, Nicholas joined the New York Guard where he served for 1 year before enlisting in the Marine Corps during World War II.

On February 19, 1945, Nicholas was one of 30,000 brave marines to land on the island of Iwo Jima for a battle that lasted 5 weeks and was one of the bloodiest battles during World War II. Nicholas was awarded the Purple Heart and the Conspicuous Service Award for his service to our great Nation.

Following his service, Nicolas returned to Staten Island to serve once again, this time as a member of the New York City Fire Department. He served for four decades until he retired with the esteemed title of lieutenant.

Sadly, Nicholas passed away last year at the age of 94. This weekend, I was honored to join local colleagues and Nicholas' family at a street naming ceremony last week to remember his life, legacy, and dedication to our community.

Nicholas was a true American hero who loved our country and our city, and I am proud to recognize his service today.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 3522, UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT OF 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1065 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1065

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 3522) to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. House Resolution 1035 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 3. House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021 (as most recently amended by House Resolution 1017, agreed to March 31, 2022), is amended by striking "April 29, 2022" each place it appears and inserting (in each instance) "May 13, 2022".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee met yesterday and reported a rule, House Resolution 1065 providing for consideration of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act under a closed rule.

The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule provides for one motion to commit.

The rule extends recess instructions, suspension authority, and same day authority through May 13, 2022. Finally, the rule deems H. Res. 1035 as passed.

Mr. Speaker, Vladimir Putin's criminal war of aggression and atrocity against the sovereign nation of Ukraine has dismembered the second largest country in Europe. Putin's soldiers have killed more than 2,700 Ukrainian civilians and more than 100 children in Ukraine. They have raped and murdered untold numbers of women, leaving their bodies in the street. They have wounded thousands of civilians. They have displaced 10 million Ukrainians, creating the largest exodus of displaced persons since the Nazis rampaged through Europe. They have traumatized a nation.

It is a sobering thing to canvas the damage today, which is Holocaust Remembrance Day. Putin's invasion is intended to deal a fatal blow to democracy in Ukraine and around the world. Putin's lurch into fascist aggression has actually unified and galvanized the democratic world, the democratic nations, and peoples and movements of the world.

I concede that Putin still has his cheerleaders for his homophobia, his corruption, and his white nationalist racism around the world. I concede that some people, even in this body, continue to chant the filthy words "Russia hoax" to describe what we know from our own intelligence community of Putin's unceasing efforts to subvert democracy all over the world. I concede that Vladimir Putin has been called a genius by a former twice-impeached President for his assault on a sovereign democratic nation.

The vast majority of Americans and vast majority of democratic societies around the world reject Putin's atrocities against democracy. President Zelenskyy and President Biden have rallied the world against Putin and in defense of the heroic people of Ukraine standing strong against this aggression—people who have more courage in their pinky than Vladimir Putin and his thugs will ever be able to understand.

Mr. Speaker, NATO members have sent or promised at least \$8 billion in weapons to Ukraine. The billions we have sent from the United States of